



St. John's Parish Mitcham

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 22 September 2024 —Year B

To be first with God

To be first is a desire in many of us;
first in class,
first in sport,
the favourite in the family,
the favourite in the class;
to be thought highly of,
to be acclaimed.

And that was the way with the disciples
when they argued
about which of them was the greatest.

Maybe they argued about who was Jesus' favourite,
or who was the leader of the group,
or wanted to be seen as the closest to him
by those who looked up to Jesus.

We like honour and praise,
we like prestige and to be looked up to,
but the eyes of Jesus fell on a child
when he wanted to say something
about who was the greatest.

When they all wondered
how to be popular in the eyes of God,
Jesus took a little child,
and told us that when you welcome a child,
you welcome God.

To be first in the eyes of God
is to be first in service,
for the Son of man came
not to be served but to serve.

**"St John's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards
& acknowledges that Child Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility."**

Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times

St John's: Sat Vigil, 6pm, Sun 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm

Our Lady's: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sun 9.30am

Parish Office Hours (Parish Office is closed on Mondays):

Tuesday-Friday 9am-3.30pm

Business Manager: Margaret Harrington

Parish Secretary: Manuela Brambilla

Accountant: Gilda Bell

Bereavement Ministry: Jenny Kearney 0413 826 468

Pastoral Care: Loredana Iacobucci 0423 313 336

Christian Meditation Group: Chris Ryan

House of Books (house next door to the Church): 9401 6306

RE for Government Schools: Trish Chaston 0468 589 793

Safeguarding Committee Co-ordinator: Manuela Brambilla

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle

Parish Priest Fr Dispin John

Supported by Fr Michael Kelly, CSsR

St John's School

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 9874 1575

Principal: Mrs Verona Gridley

vgridley@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

St James School

51 Centre Road, Vermont, 9874 1830

Principal: Mr Dave Mutimer

principal@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au

Services:

St Vincent De Paul:

Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood 9870 9124

Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 9401 6366 OR VIA EMAIL MITCHAM@CAM.ORG.AU
TO ACCESS ANY OF THESE PEOPLE OR SERVICES

Parish Information & Daily Readings

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Proverbs 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18

Tue: Proverbs 21:1-6. 10-13 Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Proverbs 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

Thu: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Eccl 11:9-12:8 Lk 9:43-45

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Weekday Masses

St John's

Our Lady's

Tue 10am Mass

6pm Mass

Wed 10am Mass

Thur No Mass

9.15am Mass

Fri 9am Mass SJV

10am Mass SJM

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Robert Fuller** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Paul P Nguyen, Anna Tran, Matta Pham, Jerome Nguyen, Paul D Nguyen, Anna Le, Dominic Nguyen, Dominic T Nguyen Manuel D'Souza, David Stewart, Cath Gartland, Peter Kuek, Shayne Herd-Lowry and Gerald Herd**



Tuesday Mass for healing of the sick



Prayers are offered and are followed by a **Novena of Saint Mary MacKillop**. If you know of someone who might need our special prayers or to be added to the Novena List please email the parish office mitcham@cam.org.au and leave a message for those you wish to be prayed for **by Monday afternoons**. Keeping you in our prayers. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to keep the name/s of your loved one, as we are updating the current list."

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plaques for this pastoral project may be ordered at any time for any deceased person who either was a parishioner at St John's or who was buried from St John's Church. The forms are in the Newsstands. **These forms now include the Interment of Ashes at St. John's.** The completed forms can be handed into the Parish Office. **Enquiries: Parish Office 9401 6366**



If it is in your power to help someone, do it. If all of us believed that we could get the help we needed, when we needed it, the world would be a much happier place.

Sept 28/29	St John's 6.00pm	St John's 8.30am	St. John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St John's 5.00pm
C'Tator Lectors	M Solomons B Mills	M Campbell M De Almeida	T Wursthorn V Burnie	T Black C Black	M Day E Umashankar
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart V Menon S Harrison N Wursthorn	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen	S Solomons
Laptop operator	C Kohomban.	G Campbell		D Garcia	
Children Liturgist					

Faith Formation, Social & Other

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP RINGWOOD NEWS



Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 9.30am

Weekday service

6.00pm Tue: Mass and Novena
9.15am Thurs: Mass

Ringwood Parish website:

<http://pol.org.au/ringwood/Home.aspx>

Phone: 0468 589 039

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ ST JOHN'S

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16)

For prayer requests, please call Loredana 0423 313 336 or contact the Parish Office.
God bless, Loredana

Lord,

I trust in Your almighty power and unconditional love.

I trust that You care about me

and are present in every storm I face in life.

Give me hope in the midst of every trial

and enable me to turn to You

as the source of my peace.

I love You, dear Lord. Jesus,

I trust in You.

MORNING TEA



Every Sunday after the **8.30am** and **9.45am** Mass you are invited to share a cuppa and a chat in the narthex with other parishioners.

Children's Liturgy at St John's Every Sunday at 9.45 and 11.15am during school term



Children will move to the Narthex of Church for their own Liturgy of the Word.

All ages welcome.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends in the Narthex following the 10am Mass.

All are welcome

When: Tuesday 15th October

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS

When we lose a loved one, the emotions can be overwhelming, grieving can take many forms.

Our friendly and informal gathering gives an opportunity to support each other as we journey through grief and loss.

Please join us:

Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

St John's Parish Office

"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength".

2 Timothy 4:17

Gold coin donation welcome



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Olive Ponton, Billy Tadeh Kenne,
Beau Anthony Agius, Harrison Michael Agius,
Jack Taylor Agius**

*into the life of the Catholic Church
through the Community of St John's*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION - "Come and See"

John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God"... The disciples asked "Where do you live?"... "Come and see", Jesus replied. Jn 1:36-39



Our next meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, **23 September at 7.30pm**. Consistent meditation is known to help calm our busy minds. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you can benefit from meditation – even if you are new to it. Free of charge. All welcome. All enquiries Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366 - or simply turn up on the night. Looking forward to seeing you!

HOLY ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.



RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's A Journey in Faith

Come and See

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery.

See what the RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

What do you seek?

And Much More.....



The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 or email mitcham@cam.org.au.

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH



The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 2nd October**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 30th September. All are welcome.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on

Friday 27th September

but the 10am Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Normal office hours will resume on

Tuesday 1st October.

**St Vincent de Paul Mitcham Conference
Report to the Parish for the year ending 30 June 2024**

2024	2024	2023
Number of home visits	273	270
Number of adults assisted	390	400
Number of children assisted	211	211
Number of bread runs	48	48
Number of families visited per bread run	10	10
Number of Christmas hampers provided	88	80
Number of gift cards in Christmas hampers	160	137
Assistance given:		
Christmas hampers gift vouchers, donated and purchased.	\$4,550	\$3,885
Education	\$2,350	\$2,859
Food, donated and purchased (including food in Christmas hampers)	\$16,580	\$16,740
Furniture	\$1,575	\$439
Medical	\$402	\$821
Supermarket food vouchers	\$20,780	\$18,460
Transport assistance	\$3,158	\$3,121
Utility bills	\$2,417	\$2,197
Vinnies Shop Cards	\$7,075	\$6,400
Whitegoods	\$2,247	\$3,188
Total assistance	\$61,134	\$58,110
Income		
Card making group	\$1,500	\$1,500
Christmas/Winter Appeal	\$1,400	\$6,042
Donations	\$14,423	\$11,064
House of Books	\$14,000	\$1,700
Parish Fete	\$1,000	\$1,200
Piety Stall	\$966	\$1,454
Ringwood Court	\$0	\$8,000
Total income	\$33,289	\$30,960

Please note that the deficit for the period has been funded by Vinnies Victoria.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the Benedictine brothers in Daresalaam, Tanzania to assist them in their work among the poor' Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— SEPTEMBER—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the **Narthex**. We are currently requesting: **coffee, rice, tinned vegetables long life milk. All Enquiries to Danny Rafferty 0437 498 877**



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

If you are a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage you to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirement to comply with the Safeguarding policies and procedures. You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/> Let's work together to keep children safe!

FINDING SOLUTIONS

Looking at how to cope with what life throws at you? Trying to find peace and happiness in a troubled time? Call Clare to have a chat in a safe place. I can do face to face, online or phone counselling.

Email: counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com

Phone: 0409 990 907

Registered Counsellor with Australian Counselling Association. Change is only a conversation away.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$10 each.

HOUSE OF BOOKS

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.

The shop has a great range of good quality second hand books at very low prices.

Proceeds support St John's and St Vincent de Paul.

Phone: 9401 6306



HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's Church and will give parishioners direct access to our account. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.



Thank you for your continued support

If you would like to support our Parish via TAP and GO please use the terminals located in the narthex and in the church. All you need to do is to select the amount displayed and tap the terminal with your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch—your contribution will go straight into our Church account.

If you would like to **contribute to the support of our Priests** here are the Bank details:

Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account

BSB 083343

ACCT NO. 515 469 035